

CHAPTER 103**(HB 425)**

AN ACT relating to education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 163.032 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The Kentucky Department of Education, with assistance from the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet, shall adopt a salary schedule for teachers in the Kentucky School for the Deaf and the Kentucky School for the Blind. The salary schedule shall be the same as salary schedules in effect in local school districts in counties containing a city of the first class and shall conform to the requirements for a single salary schedule as defined in KRS 157.320, except the salary schedule shall not limit the number of years of experience for a certified employee who transfers to the school.
- (2) (a) Certified teachers in the Kentucky School for the Deaf and the Kentucky School for the Blind shall have the same statutory employment status and benefits as certified teachers in the public schools.
(b) If a teacher qualifies for and requests a tribunal under KRS 161.790, the Attorney General shall appoint the members.
- (3) ~~[(1)] The Kentucky Department of Education, with assistance from the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet, shall adopt a salary schedule for administrators at the Kentucky School for the Deaf and the Kentucky School for the Blind which will provide for equitable salaries between teachers and administrators. The salary schedule, which shall be computed prior to July 1 of each year, shall be based on two hundred sixty (260) days per year.~~
- (4) ~~[(2)]~~ Once a teacher has been selected for hiring at the Kentucky School for the Blind or the Kentucky School for the Deaf, the Department of Education and the Personnel Cabinet shall complete the hiring process within two (2) weeks.
- (4) ~~[(5)]~~ A certified teacher employed at one (1) of the schools on July 12, 2006, whose job description does not include outreach responsibilities shall not be involuntarily assigned to work on a permanent basis outside the county in which the employing school is located.
- (5) ~~[(6)]~~ Nothing in KRS 18A.115 or 163.032 shall result in a loss of any leave accrued by a certified teacher employed prior to July 12, 2006, by one (1) of the schools. Accrued leave may be taken in accordance with the policy of the school.
- (6) ***The Kentucky Department of Education, with assistance from the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet, shall adopt a salary schedule for administrators for the Kentucky School for the Deaf and the Kentucky School for the Blind. In considering the rate of pay and the requirements of KRS 18A.110(7)(b), the department and the cabinet shall consider rates that are based upon the duties and responsibilities of the positions and that are competitive with rates for similar or comparable services in Kentucky school districts. The salary schedule, which shall be computed prior to September 1 of each year, shall be based on two hundred sixty (260) days per year.***

➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 164 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Notwithstanding KRS 164.020(8), the governing board of a Kentucky public university may adopt a tuition policy whereby any veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States or National Guard who is eligible for Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits who enrolls as a student in the university as a non-Kentucky resident is charged no more than the maximum tuition reimbursement provided under the Post-9/11 GI Bill to public universities for eligible Kentucky residents.

Signed by Governor March 17, 2011.